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LAKEVIEW TURNS ON

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Budgetary deficits, that plague upon our houses and businesses for the past 40 years, which has been the cause of ever increasing inflation, are nobody's fault but our own says Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah. He may just have a point.

Speaking before the Tax Foundation's 33rd annual meeting where he received the Foundation's annual Award for Distinguished Public Service, the senator called upon the people to stop paying "lip service" to the problem and start taking some positive action.

"So long as every group seeks its own advantage first, politicians will respond and we will be able to do little more than to tinker and fumble with the tax laws. We are not your bosses, you are ours. The citizen is sovereign, the customer is king. When you are ready to command with firm will and a clear voice, we will give you true tax reform, but not until," lamented Senator Bennett.

The problem is not new. The Democrats blame the Republicans, the Republicans blame the Democrats, and the people, quite naturally, blame whatever party is in control of "the Hill" at the time. You can get many theories as to why our tax structure is unstable, but nobody can seem to come up with a clue as to how to solidify the situation.

The senator points out that a balanced budget, a sound balance of payments and an equitable balance of the tax burden are three of the long range needs to help the problem. But this can only be accomplished with direct action by the people.

There is currently a need for more revenues but don't worry, according to the senator no tax increase is foreseen in the coming year. Again he cites the voters as the reason why. Taxes will remain as they are because: 1. A tax raise would be most unpopular with the nation; 2. The administration and the Congress are reluctant to hike taxes when the economy is not operating at full capacity.

In summation the senator reiterates that it is going to take a unified effort on the part of every person genuinely interested to bring about a change. "Greater tax problems inevitably result when we seek to replace self-reliance with government grants, welfare and subsidies, thrift with inflation and personal responsibility with the attitude of 'let the government do it. This in turn creates a need for more tax revenue, followed by pressures from every sector of the economy to shift the added tax burden to the other fellow."

P.M.

STOP DEFICIT SPENDING!

**... Lip Service
Isn't The
Answer ...**

News Briefs



INCOME TAX DEADLINE NEAR

Deadline for filing income tax returns is drawing near. The deadline is April 15, and failure to file a return by that date results in a penalty payment. Income tax forms are available in the lobby of every post office, or from your local Internal Revenue office.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ENDORSED

A six percent Social Security benefits increase was endorsed but pending legislation for automatic escalation of benefits and taxes was vetoed by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The National Chamber's Board of Directors said that the increased payments, retroactive to January 1, should be financed by higher tax rates on as current a basis as practicable, retaining the current \$7,800 taxable wage base--well above median earnings of regularly employed family breadwinners.

ELECTRIC UTILITY TESTIMONY REVIEWED

Staff of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Standards is reviewing testimony from electric utility and other industry representatives, prior to issuance of federal standards for the construction industry--to be included as "established federal standards" under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The standards may include provisions on transmission and distribution lines.

The electric utility industry was brought into the construction standards proceeding when Labor Secretary James Hodgson issued a proposed new Part 1518 to the Construction Standards Act, including Subpart V--"Power Distribution and Transmission Lines".

The electric utility industry has been working to revise Part 4 (Rules for the Operation of Electric Equipment and Lines) of the National Electric Safety Code, which parallels the work practices in the proposed Subpart V.

L P & L MAKES
FORMAL APPLICATION

Louisiana Power & Light Company made its formal application to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in Washington D. C.

for the necessary licenses to construct, own, and operate its proposed Waterford Unit Three nuclear-fueled steam-electric generating unit in St. Charles Parish near Taft, Louisiana on the west bank of the Mississippi River.

The application includes details of plans regarding the design, siting, construction and operation of the 1,165,000 kilowatt generating facility scheduled for commercial operation in 1977.

PORT ARTHUR DIVISION
TOPS LIST

Industry rich Mid-County of the Port Arthur Division continued to top the list in Kwh consumption per-home for the 12 months

ending December 31, with an average of 11,136, an increase of 353 since January 1.

Vidor (Beaumont Division) and Baton Rouge rank just behind with averages of 10,619 and 10,591, while Orange is a close fourth with 10,192.

Of the top four, Baton Rouge had the greatest increase from the first of the year with 599, with Vidor in second with 449, Orange with 360, and Mid-County with an increase of 353.

Statewise, Louisiana had an average increase of 9,044 Kwh per-home for a yearly average of 442, while Texas recorded 8,615 Kwh per-home, and an increase of 344 for the 12 month period.

On a national scale, our company was above average with 9,044 per-home as compared with the national figure of 7,027.

YWCA EXTENDS
WELCOME

The chance to get to know one another better is extended by the YWCA at 660 Calder to employees of our company

during National YWCA Week, April 18 through 24, announced Mrs. Georgia Martin, executive director of the Beaumont YWCA.

There are a wide range of YWCA programs and services available to all women and girls in the area. "Foremost is the opportunity for women and girls to share individual concerns and common interests and to participate in advancing the national association's purpose of helping women and girls achieve a meaningful way of life," Mrs. Martin said.

Mrs. Martin continued, "Our community represents a vital link in the network of approximately 2,600,000 YWCA members and registered participants, women and girls of 12 and over, who are active throughout the nation."



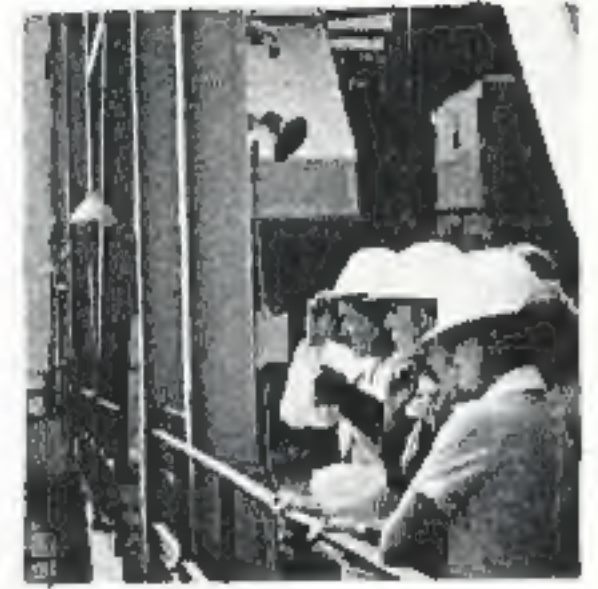
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Maintenance foreman J.W. Minner
inspects one of new lights
installed in Lakeview providing
that community with new
and brighter look.

Lakeview Turns On-



One city's progressiveness and imagination
paves the way toward a lighter and
brighter future for its citizens

In the small community of Lakeview nestled deep in the heart of the Port Arthur division, it's not unusual to see folks strolling and children riding their bicycles after daylight hours. With the help of our company and far-sighted city officials, a new street lighting system is now working to reduce crime and provide more nighttime outdoor hours for residents.

The project began when the city council contacted our company about making their city safer for people after dark. Crime had been on the increase, and residents, like in most cities today, were hesitant to be afoot after dark.

After the initial meeting between the company and the council, Jack Saxon, commercial sales representative in the Port Arthur Division, was assigned to make a study of the system and recommend changes.

"My first step was to make a field study of Lakeview's street lighting system which included a footcandle survey and marking the location of each light," stated Mr. Saxon. "I then drew up a proposal recommending the removal of all of the 124 incandescent street lights and replacing them with 280 new mercury vapor street lights. A map was also prepared showing the location of each new street light.

After this was completed, a meeting was called between the company and the Lakeview city council. At the meeting it was explained to the council that we recommended that the spacing and intensity of the new mercury vapor lights meet the standards recommended in residential areas by the Illuminating Engineering Society. Whereas the old incandescent lights were spaced 450 feet apart, we proposed the new lights be 150 to 200 feet apart.

The vote was unanimous to accept the proposal, and to begin work on the project as soon as possible."

The installation of the new mercury vapor lights was completed the latter part of February, 1971, and required about three months. Since then several of Lakeview's officials commented that crime reports decreased almost immediately, along with the frequency of nighttime traffic accidents.

Lakeview Mayor Cecil Hamilton commented, "Our modern street lighting system is already helping to prevent traffic accidents, providing greater security throughout the town and providing a safer atmosphere for pedestrians."

The cost to the city of Lakeview will be \$6,450, slightly more than half of what the old system was running.

"With the completion of this new lighting system," concluded Mr. Saxon, "Lakeview is now the only city in our service area to have their complete street lighting system meet the standards set by the Illuminating Engineering Society."



On the completion of the lighting system, local news media turned out to report and publicize the new lighting system.

Lakeview Mayor Cecil Hamilton, right, preceding page, inspects one of the new lights with Jack Saxon, commercial sales representative in Port Arthur.

J. W. Minner, service foreman Port Arthur Division, inspects one of the new lights. The lights are built to last 24,000 hours or six years under the supervision of Mr. Minner and his men.



Go, No-Go Decision Near

With a "Go" or "No Go" decision expected sometime next year on the question of our company entering the atomic age with a nuclear power station, S. L. Adams, senior vice-president, told a gathering of employees in the Beaumont office that the company was preparing specifications at the present time in an effort to determine the feasibility of such a project.

The occasion for the gathering was a film entitled "Service With Safety," pointing out just what a nuclear power plant is, and the safety factors involved in its construction and operation. The film, obtained by our company from the Atomic Energy Commission and the Atomic Industrial Forum, was shown to the employees so that they could better understand what lies ahead in the field of nuclear energy. Similar meetings are being conducted across the system and all employees are involved.

The film explained the growing need for electricity contrasting the now conventional method and the nuclear generating technology. "Basically," explained Anders Poulson, safety representative, "the major difference is that the atom will generate the steam to turn the generator instead of the conventional fossil fuels such as coal, oil or gas."

More fuel will be used in the next two decades than was used in the last two centuries, the film explained. Nuclear power is the answer to this growing need, with heat produced by fission instead of with fossil fuels the basic difference.

The film went on to explain, in layman's terms, the process a company such as ours goes through before actually operating a nuclear power station.

Films such as "Service With Safety" and others will be used in the future, not only for the benefit of our company employees, but to inform the public of the nature of nuclear power, and most importantly, the safety measures that are taken to insure against any type of accident or environmental pollution.

Following the showing to one of the groups, a question and answer period followed which reflected the interest of the above mentioned issues as well as others. Mr. Adams answered the questions at this particular showing, with R. J. Robertson, general manager of production, and Mr. Poulson answering at other showings. Some of the questions went like this:

Q. How far along are we (the company) in building a nuclear power station?

A. We are proceeding presently to prepare specifications for what is called a nuclear fuel supply system. We will go out for bids sometime this year and about this time next year we will be evaluating these bids. We will take a look at the fuel situation and the economics as of a year from now, and at that time will make a decision as to whether we will go nuclear or not, or put it off for a few more years. The go, no-go decision will be made about this time next year.

Q. How many nuclear plants are in operation at this time?

A. As of a month or two ago there were 17 plants operating, 58 under construction and about 34 more on order. There are about 117 plants operating, being constructed, on order or being discussed. There are some due to come along almost every month so these numbers change very rapidly.

Q. How large are these plants in general, say as compared to Sabine Station?

A. Some of the early plants were in the neighborhood of 150-200 megawatts (one megawatt equals 1,000 kilowatts. Sabine Station has a generating capability of 900 megawatts). Most of the nuclear plants being constructed today are in the 900-1,200 megawatt range.



Q. Have we chosen a location for our nuclear plant operation?

A. We do not have a location picked per-se. We are looking at a number of sites. There are many, many things that go into a location of a nuclear plant. Sometimes you really don't know if you have a location until you reach the point of getting a construction permit. And this is several years down the road. Really, what this means is that you have to have more than one plant site that you believe is available and which would meet AEC requirements. The rules of the game change almost daily and you never know next month or next year what changes might come about that might limit your building on a particular site.

Q. How much will the fuel cost in a nuclear power plant?

A. Well, first of all the capital cost of a nuclear power plant is very high, quite high as compared to a fossil plant. (Approximately twice as much). But the cost of fuel for a nuclear plant is quite low. The price of uranium burned in a reactor to produce electricity is about one and a half mills per kilowatt hour. Fuel has to be real cheap to justify the carrying cost of the original investment, the capital cost of the plant itself. You might be interested to know that our economic studies indicate that a nuclear plant completed in the late 70s, has a break-even with fossil fuel of about 37 cents per million of BTUs. The going price of oil today is in the neighborhood of 40 to 45 cents per million BTUs. We don't know what the going price for gas will be, but certainly 35 cents or above per million BTUs. This does not mean, however, that electric rates will decline in the future should a nuclear plant be constructed.



Our Day At . . .



Orange County Chamber of Commerce, our company, and others in the Orange area held a noon time luncheon for honor students, all seniors, honoring them and taking them on tours of the various industries. Our company had the pleasure of escorting 10 of the students through Sabine Station. Our students, shown in these pictures, enjoyed the meal and seemed quite impressed with the facilities at Sabine Station.



Orange County rolled out the red carpet for 160 of the top honor students in the area this month in a program sponsored by the business and industrial members of the greater Orange area Chamber of Commerce.

A luncheon and tours of various area businesses and industries by the students were the highlights of the affair which has become one of the most well received projects undertaken by the Chamber. Our company had the pleasure of escorting 10 of the students through Sabine Station.

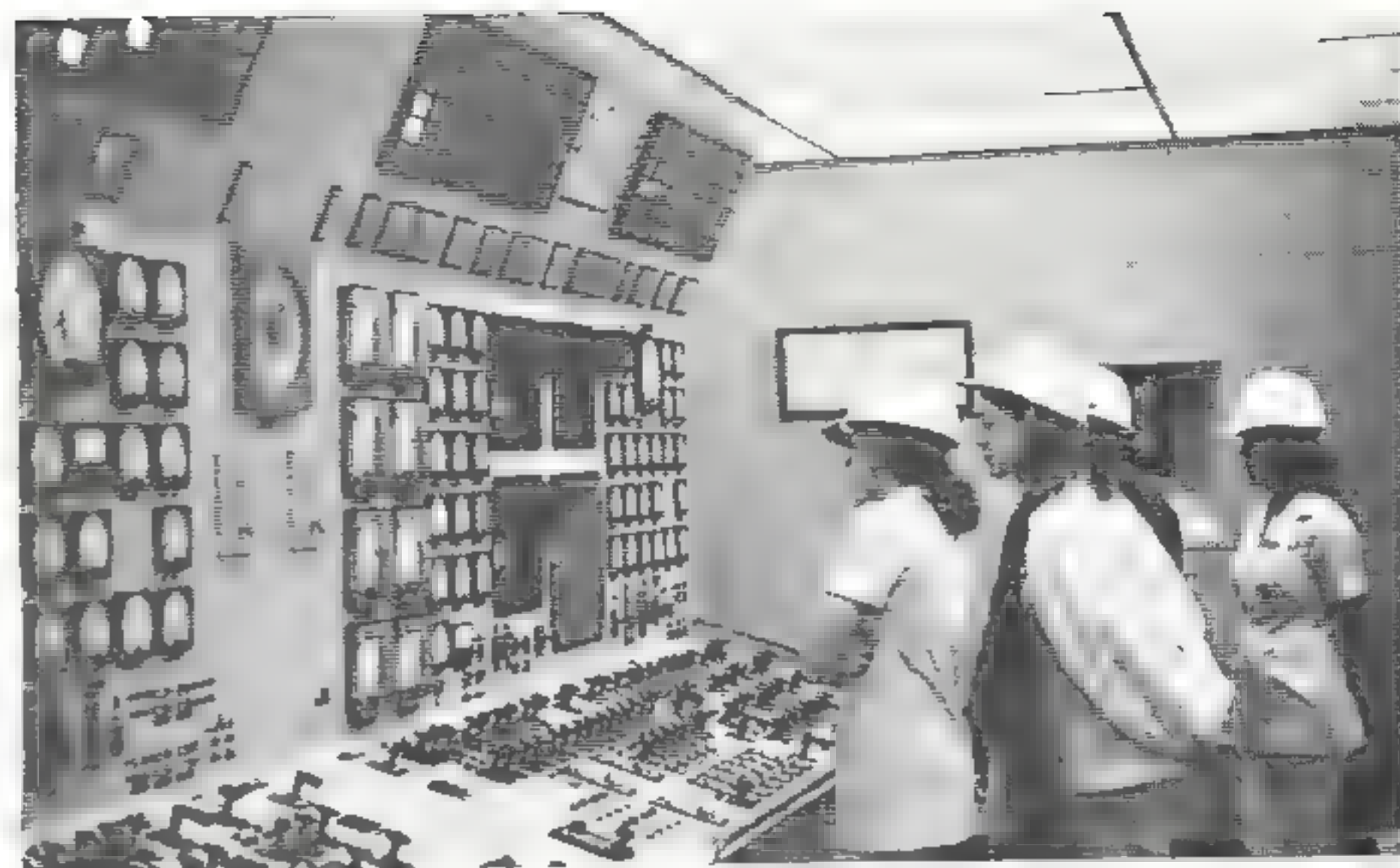
Morris Sandefer, electrical maintenance foreman, and L. E. Stough, test maintenance foreman, conducted the 10 students assigned to our company through the sprawling station. A brief general description of the plant and how it operates was given the students by Mr. Sandefer preceding the tour.

In addition to our own company, the Orange Leader, Ameripol, Owens-Illinois, Gulf Oil Chemicals Co., E. I. Dupont Co., Equitable Bag Co., Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Livingston Shipbuilding Co., American Bridge and Phillips Petroleum Co. were represented at the annual affair.

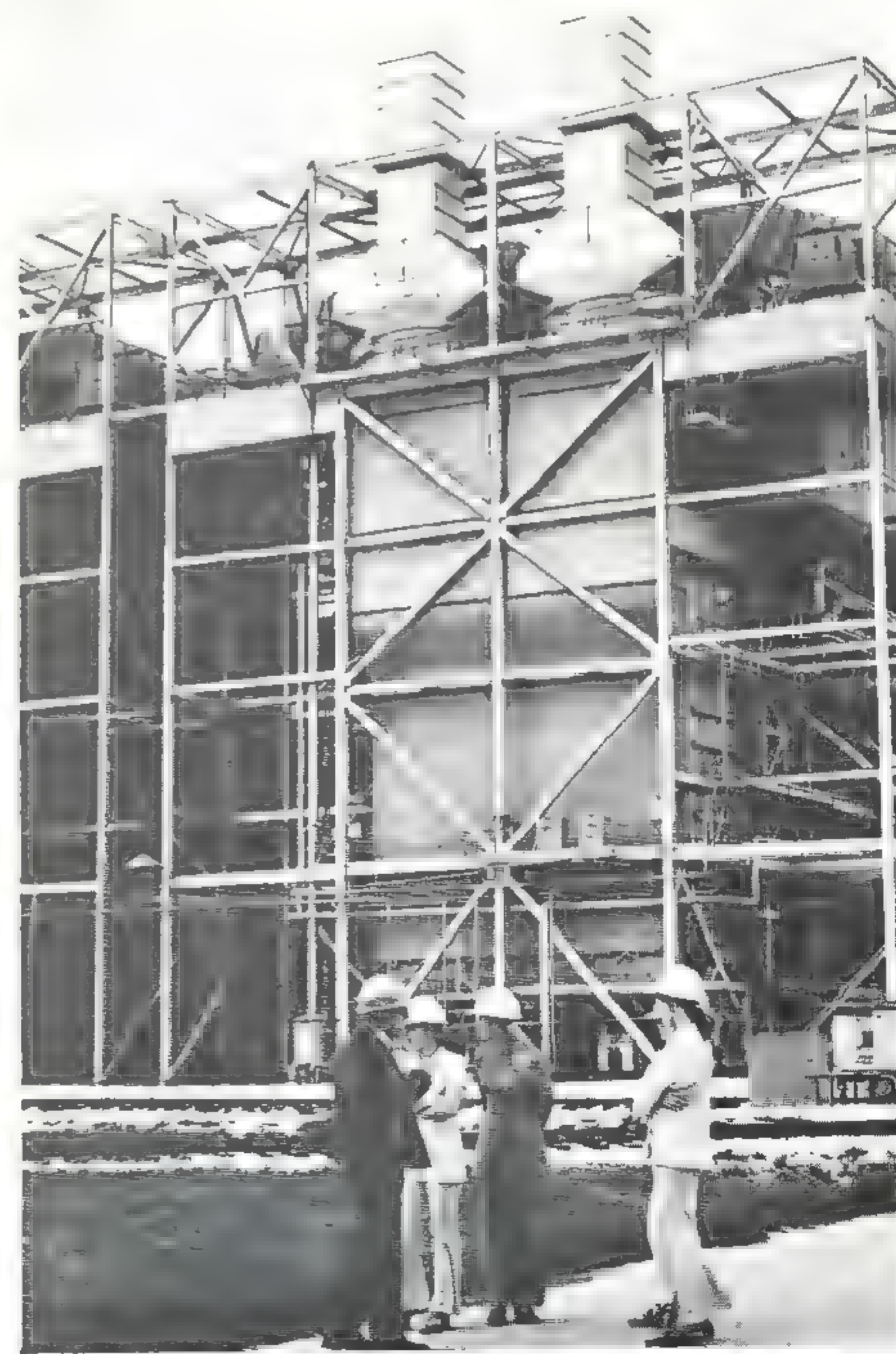
Walter House, sales supervisor in Orange and a member of the Chamber's Student Luncheon Committee, said this program had proven to be one of the Chamber's most popular events. "We've been doing this about five years now," Mr. House said, "and it has worked out very well. We've had other programs in the past, but this one seems to be the most popular."

Schools represented at the luncheon were Bridge City, Little Cypress, Mauriceville, Orangefield, West Orange-Cove, West Orange and Vidor. Those taking our company's tour were Marie Landrum, Margaret Lawler and Nancy Repasky from Bridge City; Cheyanne Atchley and Barbara Price from Lutchter Stark; James Edward Dowies, Keith Derwin Lindsey and Cheryl Marie Richard from West Orange; and Linda Diane Franklin and Shelley Morgan from Vidor.

Sabine Station



Morris Sandefer, electrical maintenance foreman (below), explained just how electricity is made to a group of young ladies, then proceeded to show them the plant from top to bottom. The control board (top photo) proved to be one of the most interesting aspects of the tour for the students. They were particularly impressed with the TV monitoring system that allowed them to gaze into the heart of the blazing boiler.



GSU NEWS

Power Companies Back "Light A Light"

Investor-owned power companies throughout the United States, including our own company, have underwritten a new motion picture that demonstrated recreational benefits from security lighting.

"Light a Light" stars Raymond Burr of "Ironside" and "Perry Mason" fame. Burr reveals new family life styles in many areas as a result of the installation of new outdoor lighting in parks, playgrounds, resorts, industry, institutions and residences.

What starts as security lighting to protect lives and property turns out to double the warm-weather living space for many homeowners.



H. H. "Hutt" Reed, center, district superintendent of our company at Jennings, La., presented a pair of checks to Jennings officials covering taxes. Accepting a check for \$115,626.18 on behalf of Jefferson Davis Parish is Sheriff Louis deLaunay, left. Mayor Clovis Bailey, right, accepts an \$18,369.50 check for the city. The Parish check was the largest amount ever paid by our company to operate in that area.

Crews of Walter J. Klein Company, Ltd. of Charlotte travelled 11 thousand miles documenting lighting innovations at cattle ranches, ghettos, beaches, public parks and churches in cities across the nation. Most scenes were shot under actual lighting conditions and not with supplementary photographic lighting.

The quarter-hour color film minimizes the fear aspects of security lighting while documenting case histories of business firms that suffered no crimes after installation of proper all-night lighting.

The Klein organization is distributing the film for sponsoring companies for two years. The film is currently appearing on a number of television stations throughout the country as a public service feature.

Other companies underwriting the venture are Public Service Electric and Gas, Duquesne Light, Pacific Gas & Electric, Pacific Power & Light, and Philadelphia Electric.

The film is available for showing to city councils, police juries and civic groups from the Film Library in Beaumont.

New President

Wyatt Bell, local superintendent for our company at Woodville, has been installed as president of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bell succeeds Jim Gainey.

Mr. Bell had formerly held the position of vice-president of the organization and has been a member of the board of directors.

Deaths



Arthur L. Faures

Arthur L. Faures, 67, retired meter foreman for our company in Baton Rouge, died this past month in a Baton Rouge hospital.

Mr. Faures retired from our company in 1968, 47 years after he was hired as a meter checker in Baton Rouge. He was promoted to meter tester in 1924 and he became supervisor of meters and installation in 1939. In 1941 he was made meter foreman, the job he held until his retirement.

Mr. Faures was a native of Baker, La., and a graduate of Baker High School.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marie Kroger of Baton Rouge, and three children.

Bud Hatch

Bud Hatch, retired laborer of the Baton Rouge Division, died recently.

Mr. Hatch, who joined our company in 1936 as a laborer at Blanks, remained at that job until he retired in March of 1950 with disability.

He is survived by five children, one of whom, Harvey Hatch, is currently employed by our company as building and grounds maintenance foreman in the Baton Rouge Division.

Construction To Hit \$91,500,000

Expenditures of \$91.5 million dollars in construction for 1971 was announced recently by Floyd R. Smith, president of our company, before the Public Utility Securities Club of Chicago.

Mr. Smith, along with S. L. Adams, senior vice president, and J. M. Stokes, vice president-finance and secretary of the company, and accompanied by assistant secretary Robert W. Jackson, told the securities analysts that future growth for the company looked very good.

"We expect 1971 to be in the same range of growth as experienced last year and estimate earnings to again be between \$1.45 to \$1.50 per share, based on our present rate structure," said Mr. Smith.

Concerning the expenditures, Mr. Smith said that this will probably be the last time in the next 10 years that construction funds will drop below \$100 million.

Mr. Smith told the group that the company will add a second generating unit at Lewis Creek Station near Conroe, Texas, this year, and that the new unit was scheduled to go in operation before the summer. This will bring the company's total generating capability to 4,155,000 kilowatts, more than enough to meet the needs of the expected peak load demand of 3,467,000 kilowatts.

Although no permanent financing is scheduled this year, our company plans to issue \$25-\$35 million of equity toward the end of 1971. Several common stock issues are anticipated over the next five to seven years.

The company was among a number of utilities to feel the effects of the nation-

-wide fuel shortage in 1970. A major natural gas supplier placed the company's Louisiana generating stations under curtailment, but generating deficiencies were offset mostly by power from the firm's Texas units.

"We understand that we can expect the same type of curtailment next summer and winter, and our plans now are taking this into account in providing for reliability of service," Mr. Smith said.

The fuel shortage, coupled with increasing costs of these fuels, also have influenced our company's plans for a nuclear generating facility. The company is studying the possibility of placing a nuclear plant in operation by the late or early 1980's.

Contraband Queen Visits Washington

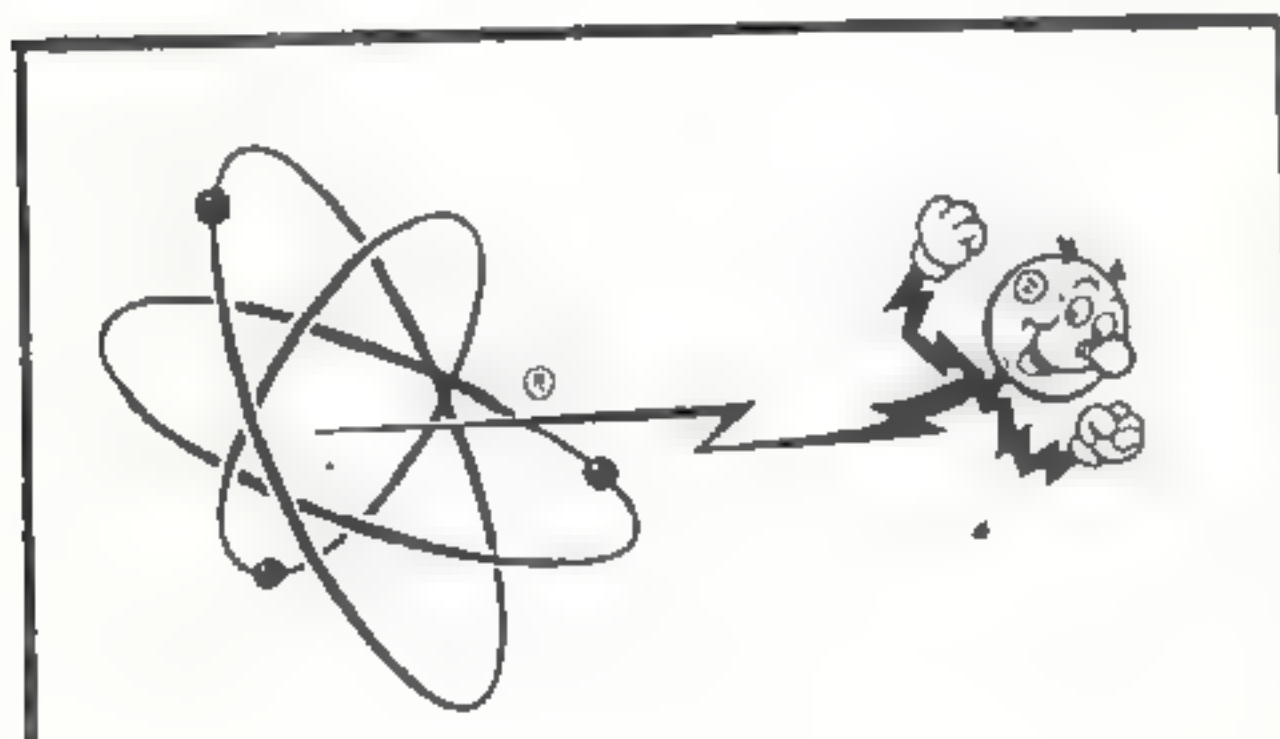
Peggy LaFleur, Contraband Queen of Lake Charles, along with other area queens, recently attended the Mardi Gras Ball in Washington, D.C. representing Southwest Louisiana. They were guests at a luncheon at the governor's mansion, and from there went on to New Orleans where they were given a dinner by Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture, Dave L. Pearce, and were also honored at a reception at the Rault Center by the King of the Mardi Gras Ball, Dr. Clarence A. Lorio, Sr. of Lakeland. The queens were also presented Keys to the City of New Orleans. From New Orleans they went on to Washington where the many functions that they attended were climaxed by the Annual Ball at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. Peggy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee LaFleur of Lake Charles. Mr. LaFleur is Section Head of Maps and Records in the Lake Charles Engineering Department.



Peggy LaFleur

DID YOU KNOW?

That capacity and production of nuclear power plants are expected to increase rapidly over the next few years, with about one-third of all scheduled capacity additions in the nuclear category. Plants now operating or scheduled for operation by the total electric utility industry would bring nuclear capacity to 63 million kw by 1975.



Thrift Plan

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during February, 1971 covering employee deductions and company contributions through January were as follows:

2,973 shares of common stock at a total cost of \$73,208.84 or an average cost per share of \$24.6246.

151 shares of \$4.40 preferred stock at a cost of \$10,180.99 or an average cost per share of \$67.4238.

The Trustees deposited \$63,847.15 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank of Beaumont, Texas.



Pat McMeel, new associate editor of "Plain Talks," gets help breaking into the job from secretary Flo Wilson. Mr. McMeel, a former Louisiana sports writer, officially took over the position in mid-February.

"Plain Talks" Gets New Editor

John Patrick "Pat" McMeel, 30, a native of Shreveport, La., has joined the company as associate editor of "Plain Talks" with headquarters in the general offices in Beaumont.

Mr. McMeel comes to the company with a newspaper and television background spanning five years. After graduating from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., in 1966 with a B.A. in journalism, he worked as a sports writer for the Shreveport Times, was East Texas News Editor for KTAL-TV in Shreveport and returned to the newspaper field as a sports writer for the Monroe, La. Morning World before joining the company.

Mr. McMeel has received honors from the Associated Press, the United Press International and the Shreveport Press Club for his work. He is unmarried, a three year veteran of the Army, and currently is an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

TRANSFERS - PROMOTIONS

LAKE CHARLES

Clarence L. Badon, promoted to Test Technician 2/C (Nelson Sta) effective January 17, 1971.

Jessie J. Semien, promoted from Helper - T&D Dept (Serv) to Apprentice - T&D Dept (Line) effective January 10, 1971.

Clarence Guidry, promoted from Helper - T&D Dept (S/Sta) to Apprentice - T&D Dept (Line) effective January 24, 1971.

Steven O. Schwalbe, changed from Lineman 4/C - T&D to S/Sta Mechanic 4/C - T&D effective January 17, 1971.

Horace J. Gradney, promoted to S/Sta Mechanic 3/C - T&D effective January 24, 1971.

Danny R. Dickerson, promoted to S/Sta Mechanic 2/C - T&D effective January 24, 1971.

Jack E. Smith, Jr., promoted from Helper - T&D Dept (Line) to Shop & Field Tester - T&D effective January 31, 1971.

Lawrence Stevens, promoted to Car Washer - T&D (Garage) effective January 24, 1971.

LAFAYETTE

Richard J. Higginbotham, promoted to Lineman 4/C - T&D effective January 24, 1971.

BATON ROUGE

Louis W. Jones, changed from Laborer II - T&D (Garage) to Laborer (899) T&D (Line) effective January 6, 1971.

Charles L. Harris, changed from Laborer II - T&D (Line) to Laborer II - T&D (Garage) effective January 15, 1971.



Edwin B. Smith, left, traffic supervisor and R. S. Pace, director of purchasing, look over a plaque awarded to Mr. Smith as outgoing president of the Sabine District Transportation Club. The club, which is composed of industries and businesses throughout the Golden Triangle area, installed G. T. "Rusty" Waters of the Port of Beaumont as its new president, and presented Mr. Smith with the plaque in appreciation of the job he has done during the past year. Mr. Smith is only the second man from our company to serve as president of the organization. The first was J. P. French, retired director of purchasing.

Teachers Begin Graduate Level Nuclear Course

Nineteen Lake Charles area elementary and secondary teachers have begun a graduate-level course on nuclear science with the financial support of our company, it was announced by Ed Hodges, manager of the Lake Charles division. Lake Charles division.

The company contributed one-half of the tuition costs for the teachers and, in conjunction with the LSU Nuclear Science Center and the Louisiana Board of Nuclear Energy, also provided funds for books and related laboratory equipment needed for the three-credit-hour course.

Classes are being conducted at Pearl Watson Junior High School by Dr. Edward Steele, associate professor at LSU, and Dr. Frank Iddings, assistant professor at LSU and a staff member of the Nuclear Science Center. The program is co-sponsored by our company, the Nuclear Science Center and the Louisiana Board of Nuclear Energy in cooperation with the Calcasieu Parish School Board.

According to Mr. Hodges, the course is designed to give teachers much of the material needed for them to instruct their students in basic nuclear facts and to provide them with an understanding of the many peaceful applications of nuclear energy in science, industry and government.



Ed Hodges, right, manager of our company's Lake Charles Division, gets together with three Louisiana educators who are participating in a graduate-level course on nuclear science co-sponsored by the company and the LSU Nuclear Science Center and the Louisiana Board of Nuclear Energy. From left to right are, Dr. Edward Steel, professor of nuclear science at LSU, Richard Ardoin, physics teacher at LaGrange High School, and Darlene A. Johnson, chemistry teacher at LaGrange.

SEFOR Reaches Full Power

J. R. Murphy, vice president-Louisiana operations for our company, has announced that the Southwest Experimental Fast Oxide Reactor (SEFOR) has reached full licensed power.

Located in Northwest Arkansas, the nuclear energy research project is being sponsored by 17 investor-owned electric utilities. The attainment of full licensed power paves the way for more advanced experimentation with the SEFOR reactor.

Although the SEFOR facility does not generate electricity, said Mr. Murphy, results of testing will further the development of the "fast-breeder" nuclear reactor which manufactures its own fuel as a by-product.

Joining with the company, the other electric utilities sponsoring the project are the General Electric Company, manufacturer of the reactor, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Federal Republic of Germany through its Karlsruhe Laboratory, and the European Atomic Energy Community.

Effective January 1, 1971, Social Security Tax withholding should be computed on casual labor at a rate of 5.2 percent.

People On The Move

Geoffrey D. Purdon, formerly budget engineer, has been promoted to coordinator-estimating and budgeting in System Engineering Planning.

Mr. Purdon, a native Beaumont, joined the company in the project engineering section in 1960. He also has served as an engineer in Rates and Depreciation and Engineering Design.

A graduate of South Park High School, Mr. Purdon also holds bachelor of mechanical engineering and master of business administration degrees from Lamar Tech. He is a charter member and secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Beaumont Lions Club.

Married to the former Sandra Sue Grant of Beaumont, Mr. Purdon and his wife have two children. They are Steven and Donna Kay.



Geo. D. Purdon



Bennie F. Lott

Two personnel changes were announced in Information & Data Services.

Bennie F. Lott, formerly director of systems support services, was named electronic data processing consultant. Carter G. Davis, formerly supervisor of commercial support services, was promoted to director of systems support services.

Mr. Lott is a 20-year employee of the company, having started out as a clerk in the Accounting Department at Beaumont. He has served in various posts, including administrative assistant, supervisor of systems and procedures and director of systems and procedures.

A native of Collins, Miss., Mr. Lott is a graduate of Baylor University. He is a two-year veteran of the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Davis joined the company in 1956 in the Accounting Department. He was promoted to systems analyst in 1961 and advanced to supervisor of systems and procedures in 1964.

Born in Clarksville, Tenn., Mr. Davis attended Austin Peay State College there.



D. C. Sheppard



J. B. Thompson



Carter G. Davis

Two promotions in Beaumont T&D have been announced. Douglas C. Sheppard advanced to line foreman, and Joel B. Thompson moved up to utility foreman.

Mr. Sheppard, formerly utility foreman, is a native of Buna, Tex. He joined the company in 1952 and progressed through various line classifications until

being named utility foreman in 1968.

Married to the former Marcelle Sheffield of Newton, Tex., Mr. Sheppard and his wife have a daughter, Regina. The family attends Northwest Baptist Church of Vidor.

Mr. Thompson was born in Clifton, Texas, but graduated from South Park High School in Beaumont. He was em-

ployed by the company in 1954 and served in a number of T&D posts before advancing to serviceman first class in 1965.

Mr. Thompson and his wife, the former Bonnie Hand of Groesbeck, Tex., have five children. They are Gary, Sheryl Ann, Karen Dell, Sandra Jo, and Judy Lyn. The family attends Tyrrell Park Baptist Church.

SERVICE AWARDS

TEN YEARS



W. R. Bordelon
Production
Baton Rouge



James C. McGrew
Distribution
Beaumont



Jimmy D. Spurlock
Distribution
Woodville



Kenneth Webb
I.D.S.
Beaumont

THIRTY YEARS



Robert W. Aleshire
Distribution
Lake Charles



Wilson Cazes
Distribution
Baton Rouge

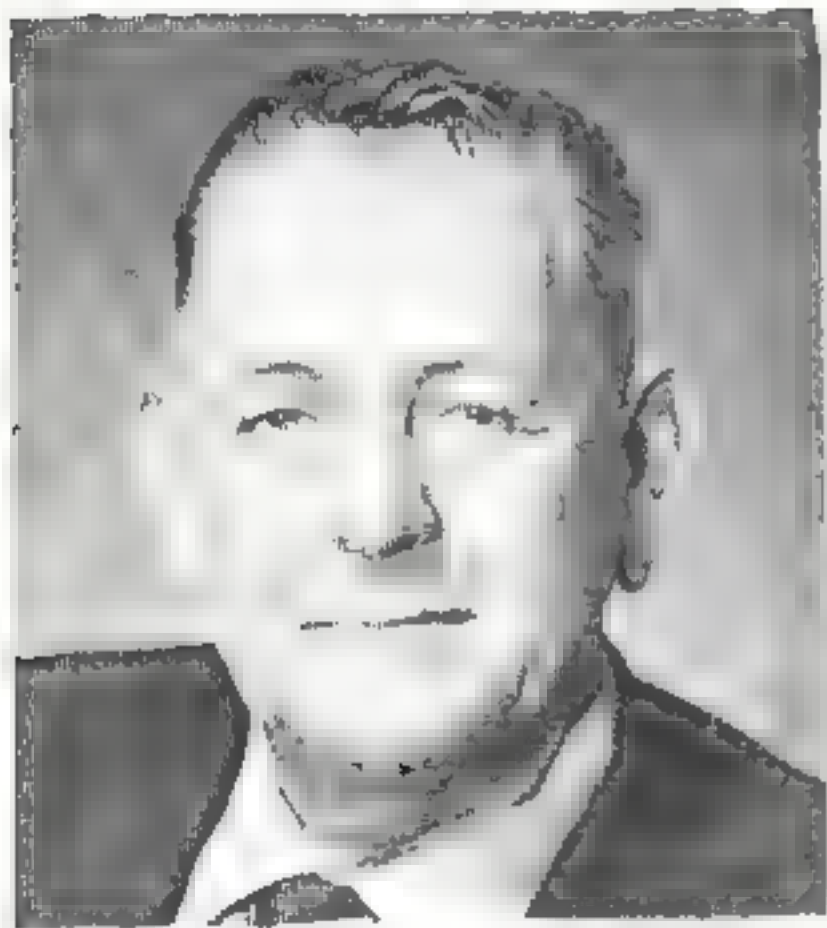


Joe L. Clement
Sales
Baton Rouge



Vernon A. Gautreaux
Production
Baton Rouge

FORTY YEARS



Earl Coleman
Distribution
Navasota



R. A. McAlpine
Executive
Pt. Arthur



F. B. Stirling
Distribution
Baton Rouge

TWENTY YEARS



Nelson Alexander, Jr.
Production
Baton Rouge



Guy S. Aydell
Production
Baton Rouge



Albert C. Faggard
System Treasury
Beaumont



D. C. Gates
Distribution
Baton Rouge



E. M. Greer
Production
Baton Rouge



Helen Head
I.D.S.
Beaumont



Joseph A. Moran
Production
Baton Rouge



Ralph Shirley
Personnel
Baton Rouge



Gladys Smith
Distribution
Baton Rouge



Silas Smith
Gas
Baton Rouge



John A. Trouille
Distribution
Westlake

Retirements

Morris M. Miller, district serviceman in Opelousas for the company for the past 25 years, retired in February with plans to "just go hunting and fishing and grow a garden."



Morris M. Miller

Married to the former Iva Whatley of Bayou Chicot, La., the Millers have four children and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Miller, a native of Alexandria, La., began work for the company in the T&D Department in 1943 in Lafayette before being transferred to Opelousas. Mr. Miller has been in Opelousas ever since.



Alfred C. Williams



Curtis E. Johnson

Curtis E. Johnson, test supervisor at Louisiana Station, retired February 1 after 38 years of service.

Mr. Johnson first joined our company in 1933 as an assistant fireman at Neches Station in Beaumont. In 1937 he was promoted to auxiliary operator, and in 1939, he became chemist at Neches Station. In May of 1947 he was transferred to Lake Charles as a test engineer and remained there until he was transferred in 1954 to Baton Rouge as test engineer at Louisiana Station.

A 1929 graduate of Gordon High School, Gordon, Texas, Mr. Johnson went on to earn a B.S. degree in chemical engineering at Texas A&M.

Mr. Johnson and his wife, the former Lucille Ray of Gordon, have two children, Mrs. Larry K. Lalumandier of Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Raymond F. Hodgson of Atlanta, Ga.

Alfred C. Williams

Alfred C. Williams, line foreman in T&D Department in Baton Rouge, retires this month after 35 years service with the company.

Mr. Williams, who started work in June of 1936 as a laborer, is a native of Harrisonburg, La., and is married to the former Ventriss Lofton of Independence, La. They have four children.

Future plans, according to Mr. Williams, include catching up on hunting and fishing at his camp which is located at Lacombe, La.

His most memorable moment with the company came when he received his 10 year service pin and was complimented by his superior for working the 10 years without missing one working day.



Morris Daniel Van Winkle, serviceman first class at Silsbee, called it quits this month after 34 years with our company.



M. D. Van Winkle

Mr. Van Winkle began his career back in 1938 as an ice plant operator, and worked his way through several positions until attaining serviceman first class in 1945.

Active in church, he is secretary of the Silsbee 1st Baptist Church and is a Mason.

Looking back on his work, Mr. Van Winkle recalls that his most memorable moment came a few years ago when he once worked 37 straight hours during a snow storm.

BATON ROUGE



REPORTERS

If you have any news for "Plain Talks," simply send the information to one of the following local reporters. They will be happy to assist you in getting the material to the Editor.

BATON ROUGE: Henry Joyner, Opel Temple (Acct.), Margie Force (T&D), Sandra Mouch (T&D), Beverly Hayden (Gas Dept.), Mel Nezat (Sales).

BEAUMONT: Jo Ann Landry (S.C.), Barbara Lindsey, Ann Ogden, Edy Waltmon, Linda Marks.

CALVERT: Janis E. Wilganowski.

CLEVELAND: Pat Jones.

CONROE: Frances Elliot, Dorothy Stoky.

GONZALES: Billy Fortenberry.

HUNTSVILLE: Gail Reeves, Priscilla Chandler.

JENNINGS: Earl Mayfield.

LAFAYETTE: Bobbie Denais.

LAKE CHARLES: Johnnie Harris (T&D), Fay Denney (O).

LA STATION: Leslie Lemoine.

MADISONVILLE: Wanda H. Tinsley.

NAVASOTA: Betty Dickschat, Nina Ruth Bay.

NECHES STATION: Betty Neville.

NELSON STATION: Pam Weston.

ORANGE: Davie Carpenter.

PORT ALLEN: Adele Vavasseur.

PORT ARTHUR: Sue Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.)

SABINE STATION: Kathleen Fuller.

SILSBEE: Maxie Bell.

SULPHUR: Pearl Darbonne.

WILLOW GLEN: Dora Landaiche.

ZACHARY: Janette Lane.

(Editor's Note: If any of the above reporters are no longer reporting or with the company, we would appreciate knowing about it. This holds true also if any reporter's name has been omitted.)



Francis Van Bush, left, samples the fried fish prepared for his retirement party in early December. Wendel Smith, one of Van's many friends who attended from the Gas Department, helped to fry the fish. Mr. Bush has been a foreman in the Gas Department in Baton Rouge since 1942.



Spec. 4th Class Lloyd J. Ourso, Jr., son of serviceman first class Lloyd Ourso, Baton Rouge division, has received the Bronze Star and the Presidential Medal and citation for outstanding performance in recent hostile military engagements in Vietnam. Specialist Ourso, serving with the 25th Division, has been in Vietnam since July of 1970. He is a graduate of St. John High School of Plaquemine. Ourso earned his honors for "consistently manifesting exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. The enthusiastic manner in which he applied himself has materially contributed to the U.S. effort in the Republic of Vietnam." The Presidential citation reads: "For meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam from Oct. 11 to Oct. 15, 1970."

Robert L. Petry supervisor of cost relations in the Baton Rouge division, became a father for the first time recently when his wife, Carol Dean, gave birth to a boy.

Bruce Wayne drew his first breath on Feb. 18. Doctors say the father will survive.



W. A. (Bill) Efferson left, retired supervisor in Baton Rouge, has proof positive that this is no fish story. Ken Chase, a friend, admires the big eight pound bass which Bill caught while fishing on False River recently near Baton Rouge. Mr. Efferson was using a Doll Fly when he landed the large-mouth.

BEAUMONT DIVISION



Returning to a hero's welcome after doing their "thing" in foiling the Gulf States Bandit, Bert Rogers, left, and Tom Moses look over the Key to the City presented them, with full honors, by friends. Adding to the auspicious occasion are, left to right, Frances Self, Renee Bell, Jewell Perkins and Pat Norrid. In honor of their stalwart behavior, the girls composed the following:

To Chase a Thief

*Up and down the railroad track,
Now who do you suppose is
chasing bandits
On the run - -
Our own Sir Thomas Moses.*

*Go this way and catch that guy,
But watch he's got a gun
So don't stand there and argue
Turn on your heels & run*

*No matter how the cards may
fall,
That man did us all wrong
But with our Gulf States P.D.
Force,
He won't do wrong for long.*

*So here's to Bert & Tom,
Don't put up with those pranks
From this day forth & evermore
We're indebted to you, thanks.*



Petite Jeri Purkey, 11 year old daughter of senior engineering assistant James B. Purkey, added another award to her growing list of honors when she was presented a medal as winner of the Constitution Essay Contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Beaumont. Jeri won the 5th grade division against competitors from all over the City and was presented her award at the Longfellow PTA meeting.

In 1946 Mrs. Emma Bodemann (mother of L. J. Bodemann, operating supervisor, Beaumont T&D) was emptying wash water at her home, Aransas Pass, and in doing so lost her wedding ring. Now, 25 years later, she has it back. This is how it came about.

When hurricane Celia came blowing through the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast area the Bodemann house was one of many severely damaged and destroyed. Recently, while rebuilding the home, her grandson John Bodemann came across a wedding band beneath the rubble and it didn't take long to identify it as the lost ring.

Mrs. Bodemann, now 80 years old and many pounds lighter than she was 25 years ago, cannot wear the ring, but she is very happy to have recovered the sentimental possession.

Members of the Records Department in Beaumont recently gave two "showers" to help two part-time employees set up housekeeping in their new apartments. The recipients were Wayne Nagel and Perry Walker.

Walker is now a full time employee in engineering for the Production Department. He has a mechanical engineering degree from Lamar Tech. Nagel has since left the company and is now in Houston.



Jamie Watkins, age 13, is a student at Thomas Edison Junior High in Port Arthur. Jamie has just made the "A" honor roll for the second semester. "A's" are not new to Jamie. She has never brought home anything less. Her other accomplishments include playing the clarinet in the band. Jamie is the daughter of J. D. "Doug" Watkins, General Maintenance Supervisor, Neches Station.



Morris VanWinkle, left center in shirtsleeves, was honored by a gathering of fellow employees in the Silsbee office prior to his retirement. Mr. VanWinkle retires this month after 34 years with the company, and his co-workers got together for a coffee party and presented him with a gift in honor of the event.



The Engineering Departments of Lake Charles and Sulphur met the Sales Dept. of Lake Charles recently in a basketball game. According to all reports both teams played the game with great gusto. The result? By a special request of the Engineering Department the score will not be printed. Members of the Sales team were Freeman Jones, Don Hudson, Buddy Johnson, Bill Harrington and Dewey Lytle. The engineers were represented by Charles Campbell, Don LaForte, Steve Fremin, Duane Abshire, Kermit Thompson and Charles Byars.



Elizabeth (Betsy) Handley and Edward A. Shamis, Jr. were married January 24, 1971, in a double ring ceremony in the Chapel of The First Methodist Church in Lake Charles. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parks Handley. The newlyweds honeymooned in New Orleans. They will make their home in Baton Rouge where both are Seniors at L.S.U. and plan to continue in graduate school. The bride's father, Gerald Parks Handley, is a Utility Man in the Lake Charles Line Department.

Congratulations

To . . .

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller on the birth of a daughter, Sherry Lane, born January 16, 1971, and weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces. Ben is a Substation Mechanic 1st Class in Lake Charles.

Best Wishes to Danford Matthews and Carla Johnson who were married January 22, 1971. Danford is a Relayman 3rd Class at Lake Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith are the proud parents of a baby girl born January 14, 1971. Regina Lynn weighed in at 7 pounds at Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles. Jack is a Shop & Field Tester in the Meter Department in Lake Charles.



Clifford E. Chambers, operation supervisor of Nelson Station in Lake Charles, recently had a group of Happy Blue Birds from Westlake, La. in for a visit and tour. The Blue Birds, guided by Mrs. Leona Schatzle and Mrs. Alvin Fontenot, were shown a film on the making of electricity prior to touring the plant.



Claude Patin, garage foreman for our company in Lafayette, had the honor of giving his daughter away in marriage recently. Linda Patin became the bride of Tony Zeringue, (shown here) but the name isn't new to the Patin family since Linda's mother is the former Pearl Zeringue.

WESTERN DIVISION



This is billed as Navasota's first Gold Madallion Home for 1971. Friends pitched in to help (?) Glen and Inez Fuqua to have a place to return to from their honeymoon. The Fuquas were married January 9, and their new mobile home was wrecked while being delivered leaving them without a roof. Inez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lauter, substation foreman of Conroe. The Fuqua's reaction to their new home was not recorded.



Andres Rodriguez engineering helper in Navasota, displays a citation and the Army Commendation Medal which he received recently for his meritorious service with the Army in Germany from April, 1969 to April of 1970.



Conroe employees honored Carolyn Blow with a party recently as she prepared to leave the company to await the arrival of the stork. Carolyn will be missed by her many friends and most were on hand to wish her luck. R. E. Lanier and Roy Jordan (in background) sample some of the goodies while Rose Grisham, left seated, Carolyn, and W. E. Richard take it easy in their chairs.



Mr. and Mrs. Keen Franklin recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion and old time dinner on the grounds in Rockdale Fair Park. Keen, a retired employee of our company, and his wife Jewel, were married on August 7, 1920. Their two children, Mrs. Billye Tyson of Houston, and Keen W. Franklin of McMurray, Pa., were on hand, as were the two witnesses of the marriage. Friends, and relatives from all over the country gathered to participate in the rare and happy event.

Mrs. Wayne Taylor, formerly Miss Pam Owens, was honored by her fellow employees at Conroe following her marriage. One of the handy gifts given to Pam was a cook book. "We wanted her to get off to a good start," said a friend. No doubt Wayne appreciates the gesture.



Not looking any too happy over having his nap disturbed, two-month old Michael Lee Norwood none the less gives in and lets his proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Norwood, snap his picture. Michael's dad (Butch) is a first class meterman in Navasota, Western Division. Michael checked into the world at eight pounds, nine and a half ounces on Jan. 6.

B. F. Sparks (T&D), better known as Sparky, just returned from his vacation where he took part in the Salt Grass Trail Ride.

Said one friend, "We know he had a good time because he didn't look like he got much rest."

LETTERS

from employees, customers and friends of GSU

CALVERT

Dear Mr. (R.J.) Stout and Employees:

The Citizens of Calvert and the City of Calvert wish to convey their thanks and gratitude for your help.

You have come to our rescue in our times of need and we want you to know how much we appreciate it. We are forever indebted to you.

Sincerely yours,
Cooper Wiese
Mayor, City of Calvert

BEAUMONT

Dear Fellow Employees, and Friends:

Words cannot be found, but I wish to take this means of thanking each and every one of you who had a part in honoring me with a retirement party on December 15, and a reception on December 31.

Thanks for the nice fishing rod and reel, also the other gifts, which I will enjoy for a long time. All I can say is thanks a lot.

—B. H. Gager

ORANGE

Dear Miss (Sharon) Hudson,

On part of the Newcomers Club here in Orange, let me thank you for presenting a most enjoyable and informative program.

We're always interested in learning new kitchen techniques and trying new recipes. Thank you for bringing your ideas. We just loved sampling the tasty foods you prepared.

Hope to have you conduct another demonstration in the near future.

Sincerely yours,
Janice Wasmund, Sec.
Newcomers Club

LAKE CHARLES

Dear Jack: (Bass)

How does one go about saying "thank you" for an outstanding job "well done" by you and your firm.

Without the unselfish assistance of you and members of your firm, we would not have had that tall, wonderful electric Christmas tree. Without the pole, none of the electronics nearby would have been displayed.

Your advice, and assistance throughout displayed outstanding community spirit, and reflects great credit on each of you and Gulf States Utilities.

It has been a great privilege to serve on a committee with men such as you. My personal thanks.

Yours for Lake Charles
Larry Skrine, Chairman
Christmas Tree Committee
Greater Lake Charles
Chamber of Commerce

PORT ARTHUR

Dear Mr. (George) Irvin:

As it seems to be a vogue to criticize a person or complain to his or her immediate supervisor, I would like to take this opportunity to compliment one of your employees, Lois Robertson.

I have worked for the City of Groves ten years and talk to Lois on the phone on an average of once a day. It is certainly a pleasure to deal with someone as pleasant and efficient as she. I find all of your employees enjoyable to work with, but Lois is especially outstanding.

Even though I am writing this, it speaks not only for myself, but Mr. Lewis, the Building Official, as well.

Sincerely,
Bruce Meshwert,
Secretary to Building Official
E. T. Lewis,
Building Official
City of Groves

BEAUMONT

Dear Rex: (Lee)

As I mentioned to you over the phone this morning, we certainly appreciate the help your fellows gave us during our electrical outage on January 12. I would also appreciate your extending our thanks directly to the men who gave us a hand. The failure involved essentially had our operation shutdown and the dispatch used in solving the problem was very significant to us. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
J. R. Farst
Plant Manager
Houston Chemical Co.

LAKE CHARLES

Gentlemen:

Thanks for the good service New Years Day in restoring our power and lights. I know it was a major repair and I was doubtful if we would get to see any of the football bowl games. However, they did a very good job for us. Thanks again and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

John P. Rembert
Box 105
Leonville, La.

P.S. We did not miss one play.

PORT ARTHUR

Dear Mrs. (Sue) Williams:

We would like to thank you for being a judge at the cooking contest at the first annual Texas Rice Festival.

I am forwarding a plaque to you that we thought you might like to have as a remembrance.

I want to thank you personally for a job well done and hope you will come visit with us during our next Festival.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Johnnie Wright
Secretary



Welcome Aboard!

SYSTEM DEPARTMENTS

Information & Data Services

Perkins, John M. Computer Operator (Data Sys Operns)

System Treasury

Comeaux, Brenda L. Billing Clerk (Sys Bill Recds)

BEAUMONT DIVISION

Production

Stehle, Vernon L. Operator's Helper (Neches Sta)

Blincoe, James T. Mechanic's Helper (Neches Sta)

Distribution

Tomlin, James T., Jr. Helper-T&D Dept (S/Sta)

Treasury

Freeman, Michael T. Meter Reader

Nolan, Michael C. Meter Reader

Alborn, Mary E. Clerk - Cust Acctg

Hernandez, Arnulfo Meter Reader

PORT ARTHUR DIVISION

Distribution

Judice, Michael W. Helper-T&D Dept (Line)

Smith, Charles E. Helper-T&D Dept (S/Sta)

Treasury

Abshire, Mark K. Meter Reader

Hebert, Francine Clerk - Cust Acctg

Ingo, Phyllis S. Clerk - Cust Acctg

WESTERN DIVISION

Production

Watt, Billie P., Jr Equipment Operator (Lewis Creek Sta)

Jackson, C. B. Laborer I (Lewis Creek Sta)

Distribution

Owens, Pamela K. Dept Clerk - T&D Dept (Eng)

Treasury

McCasland, Judith R. Local Office Clerk

Godejohn, Larry V. Meter Reader

BATON ROUGE DIVISION

Production

Davis, Glen A. Operator's Helper (La Sta)

Loper, Jerry H. Equipment Operator (W/Glen Sta)

Dedon, Donald R. Equipment Operator (W/Glen Sta)

Beavers, Samuel Mechanic's Helper (W/Glen Sta)

Distribution

Freeman, Walter R. Relayman 3rd Class - T&D

Lambert, Elmo J., Jr. Appliance Repairman 3rd Class

White, Leonard D. Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Treasury

Bentley, Marcia D. Local Office Clerk

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Distribution

Reed, Keith J. Helper-T&D Dept (Line)

Case, Pamela G. Dept Clerk - T&D Dept (Eng)

Coleman, Danny V. Helper-T&D Dept (Line)

Treasury

Miller, Betty R. Clerk - Cust Acctg

Management and/or Part Time Employees

EMPLOYED

Walker, Perry J. Engr - Sys Prod

Malik, John W. Engr - Eng Des (RD&C)

Rizzato, Charlie W. Student Engr - Eng Plan

Boettger, Robert C. Student Engr - Eng Plan

Miller, Don A. Student Engr - Eng Des

Wadsworth, Mark A. Engr - T&D (Eng)

Dean, Lawrence C. Utility Pilot - Operns Transp

Rose, James H. Admn Acct - Sys Treas

Rollins, Ronald M. Engr - T&D (Eng)

*McLauchlin, Dennis A. Dept Clerk - I&DS (Recs)

*Fore, Bryan D. Dept Clerk - I&DS (Recs)

Transfers — Promotions

BEAUMONT

Joel B. Thompson, promoted from Serviceman 1/C - T&D to Utility Foreman - T&D (Line) effective January 16, 1971.

Fritz J. Duhon, changed from Equipment Operator (Neches Sta) to Turbine Engineer (Neches Sta) effective January 3, 1971.

Robert J. Lowrey, promoted to Repairman 2/C (Neches Sta) effective January 3, 1971.

Alan D. Shafer, promoted to Apprentice-T&D Dept (Line) effective January 3, 1971.

Marion L. Singleton, Jr., promoted to Lineman 4/C - T&D effective January 17, 1971.

Darrel A. Woodward, promoted to Lineman 3/C - T&D effective January 3, 1971.

Phillip C. Hutchinson, promoted to Lineman 3/C - T&D effective January 31, 1971.

James D. Maines, changed from Lineman 1/C - T&D to Serviceman 1/C - T&D effective January 17, 1971.

Luish Winn, Jr., promoted to Building & Grounds Maintenance Man - T&D (Building & Grounds Main Office) effective January 17, 1971.

Wilson Broussard, promoted to Janitor - T&D (Building & Ground Main Office) effective January 24, 1971.

Phillip Roy, Jr., promoted to Janitor - T&D (Building & Grounds Main Office) effective January 31, 1971.

George R. Charlton, Jr., promoted to Engineer Assistant - Engineer Des. (RD&C) effective January 3, 1971.

David Doss, promoted from Laborer II (Div. Treas) to Storeroom Asst. (Div Treas) effective January 31, 1971.

ORANGE

ORANGE

Bobby T. Dyson, promoted to Apprentice - T&D Dept (Line) effective January 17, 1971.

Oliver F. Peveto, changed from Serviceman 1/C - T&D to Lineman 1/C - T&D effective January 17, 1971.

Van N. Kitchens, Jr., changed from Lineman 1/C - T&D to Serviceman 1/C - T&D effective January 17, 1971.

Sharon Hudson, promoted to Home Service Advisor - Sr effective January 17, 1971.

Glenn A. Tarver, promoted from Meter Reader to Collector (Div Treas) effective January 3, 1971.

PORT ARTHUR

Randy M. Dorsey, promoted to Apprentice - T&D Dept (S/Sta) effective January 17, 1971.

Thomas E. Parker, promoted to Apprentice - T&D Dept (Line) effective January 17, 1971.

Karl A. Leigh, promoted to Lineman 3/C - T&D effective January 3, 1971.

Henry D. Erwin, promoted to Lineman 2/C - T&D effective January 17, 1971.

Richard A. Joffrion, promoted to Lineman 1/C - T&D effective January 3, 1971.

CONROE

Marilyn K. Key, promoted from Local Office Clerk & transfer from Div Treas to Stenographer (Div Sales) effective January 3, 1971.

Barbara M. Williams, promoted from Local Office Clerk to Clerk - Customer Accounting effective January 3, 1971.

Wanda C. Phifer, promoted from Local Office Clerk to Clerk - Customer Accounting effective January 3, 1971.

Mary R. Elliott, promoted from Local Office Clerk & transfer from Trinity to Clerk - Customer Accounting effective January 3, 1971.

Paula L. Schilhab, promoted from Local Office Clerk to Clerk Customer Accounting effective January 3, 1971.

CLEVELAND

Otis T. Boles, changed from Meter Reader & transfer from Div Treas to Helper - T&D Dept (Line) effective January 3, 1971.

HUNTSVILLE

John R. Flynt, changed from Serviceman (899) T&D to Serviceman 1/C - T&D effective January 7, 1971.

NAVASOTA

Pedro Abad, transferred from Div Opems to Janitor (Div Treas) effective January 3, 1971.

NEW CANEY

Henry B. Spinks, promoted to District Serviceman 1/C - T&D effective January 3, 1971.

BATON ROUGE

Louis J. Chapman, promoted to Second Fireman (La Sta) effective January 24, 1971.

James R. Fairchild, promoted to Electrician 2/C (La Sta) effective January 24, 1971.

Randolph A. Anding, promoted to Lineman 4/C - T&D effective January 24, 1971.

Wayne B. Neyland, II, promoted to Lineman 4/C - T&D effective January 24, 1971.

Robert L. Pace, Jr., promoted to S/Station Mechanic 3/C - T&D effective January 10, 1971.

Michael D. Waller, changed from Lineman 4/C - T&D to Serviceman 4/C - T&D effective January 3, 1971.

James B. Griscom, promoted to Relayman 3/C - T&D effective January 10, 1971.

Jerold E. Cahal, promoted to Residential Sales Representative -Sr effective January 10, 1971.

Debra E. THIBODEAUX, name changed from EASTERLY to Clerk - Customer Accounting (Cr & Col) effective January 9, 1971.

ZACHARY

Malcolm J. Courtney, changed from Residential Sales Representative (899) to Residential Sales Representative - Sr effective January 5, 1971.

When You Arrive
At the Scene
Of an Accident



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SAVE A LIFE?

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This is the third of a series of four articles prepared by the American Red Cross to give you some basic information about what to do when you arrive at the scene of an accident on the highway. As a result of the proper use of this information, you may save a life. These articles are not intended to replace first aid training. A first aid course will prepare you for the unusual and unexpected care you may have to give.

If you have been following this series of articles, you have read of the emergency first aid actions you can take when you arrive at the scene of an accident. In the first article we discussed *protection* of the injured, avoiding a second accident, making a quick survey of the injured to determine how many persons are involved and which victims need immediate first aid, and sending for help.

In the second article, we discussed ways to stop massive bleeding and pointed out that frequently serious bleeding and breathing problems can occur at the same time.

SECONDS COUNT

When someone is breathing with difficulty, or has stopped breathing, seconds count. When breathing has stopped, the first 2 to 4 minutes are critical ones if a life is to be saved. *First aid measures must be started at once.* Even if you are able to restart breathing after that time, there remains the ever-present danger of brain damage. Brain cells must have oxygen to live — without it, they die.

When, upon impact, the body is thrown against some part of a wrecked vehicle, a number of injuries can occur which can create breathing difficulties or cause stoppage of breathing. Among such injuries are those to the brain, the spinal cord, the air passages, the lungs, ribs, or chest. Furthermore, air passages can be blocked by blood, regurgitated food, or other foreign matter. If a person is unconscious, the base of the tongue falls back and may block the air passage. This condition is often, mistakenly, referred to as a "swallowed tongue." Actually, the tongue, a large muscle, cannot be "swallowed." You will see from accompanying illustrations just what happens and how the correct backward tilt of the head will raise the tongue and permit a person to start breathing on his own.

BREATHING DIFFICULTY

When a person has stopped breathing, there is no rise and fall of the chest. The lips and the fingernails change from their normal color to a bluish color.

If the victim is breathing with difficulty, there can be gasping, shallow or very irregular chest movement, or there can be wheezing sounds. There may be material in the air passage which is hindering or stopping breathing.

As we have pointed out, when any victim is not getting sufficient air into the lungs or has stopped breathing, there is no time to lose. *Artificial respiration must be given at once.* The mouth-to-mouth method is the easiest and most efficient means of providing air in breathing emergencies. It can be given to a victim who is sitting up or lying down. The lying-down position is preferred. However, in some accident situations the victim may be pinned in the car, or, because of the type of injuries he has suffered, he cannot be moved without further serious injury to him, and it may be necessary to start artificial respiration before it is possible to place him in a lying-down position.

In this article we will discuss the procedures to help a person who is breathing with difficulty and for one who has stopped breathing. We will assume that the victim is lying on his back.

When a Person Is Not Breathing or Is Breathing With Difficulty

Your very first action is to create an open air passage.

Tilt the head back as far as possible. Place one hand under the neck, lift up; the heel of the other hand on the forehead, and push down. Perform this with a smooth movement—do not jerk the head into this position. The chin should be elevated. This action moves the base of the tongue forward. Keep the head in this position and spontaneous breathing may resume.



OBSTRUCTED



OPENED

If there is *obvious visible* material in the mouth, clear it by sweeping the mouth with your fingers. Your fingers may be covered with a clean cloth.

If breathing does not start, turn the victim on his side, keeping the head tilted to allow fluids to drain freely from his mouth.

If breathing does not start with the above procedure, start inflating the lungs.

With the hand on his forehead, pinch the nose to prevent air leakage.

Take a deep breath. Seal your mouth around the victim's mouth.

Blow until you see the chest rise. Raise your mouth and let him exhale.



Continue to blow about every 5 seconds or approximately 12 times a minute.



If Lungs Do Not Inflate or If There is Damage to the Mouth

Close his lips with one hand and blow

into his nose. It may be necessary to open the mouth at the end of inflation to allow air to leave the lungs.



If Lungs Still Do Not Inflate

If no air is getting into the lungs from these efforts, you should suspect that some object is blocking the air passage.

Roll the victim on his side, keeping head and body in line.

Strike the victim between the shoulder blades. This may dislodge foreign material.

Clear the mouth, if necessary, tilt the head and resume blowing.

As soon as the victim is breathing well by himself, turn him on his side so that any fluids can drain freely from his mouth.

Keep the head in the tilted position.

In order to care for or prevent shock, keep the victim lying down and cover him on top and underneath, when possible, to prevent a large loss of body heat. Keep a constant watch for any blocking of the air passage or a second stoppage of breathing. If breathing should stop, continue to breathe for him. In many documented cases, the first aider has continued to breathe for a victim until he has reached the hospital. In all probability, however, this will not be necessary since ambulance personnel or a physician will usually assume this responsibility once such help arrives at the scene.

For Small Children

- Do not over-tilt an infant's head, as it may block the air passage.

- Seal your mouth over both the mouth and the nose.
- Continue to inflate lungs by blowing gently every 3 seconds—or about 20-25 times a minute. For infants use only puffs, as forceful blowing may damage a baby's lungs.

IN SUMMARY

Stopped breathing or inadequate breathing is a life-threatening emergency requiring immediate first aid. The first few minutes are critical.

Open the air passages for unconscious and non-breathing victims.

- Tilt the head to move the base of the tongue from the back of the throat.

- Clear the mouth if there is obvious, visible material.

- If breathing starts, position the person on his side with the head tilted to allow fluids to drain freely and keep the tongue clear.

- When breathing does not start, inflate the lungs about 12 times per minute, using the mouth or nose method (blow through both mouth and nose for young children at about 20-25 times per minute).

- If you are unable to inflate the lungs, roll the victim on his side, slap between the shoulders to loosen blocking material, then sweep the mouth clear with your fingers, tilt the head, and inflate the lungs.

- When the victim is breathing well by himself, turn him on his side and keep his head tilted.

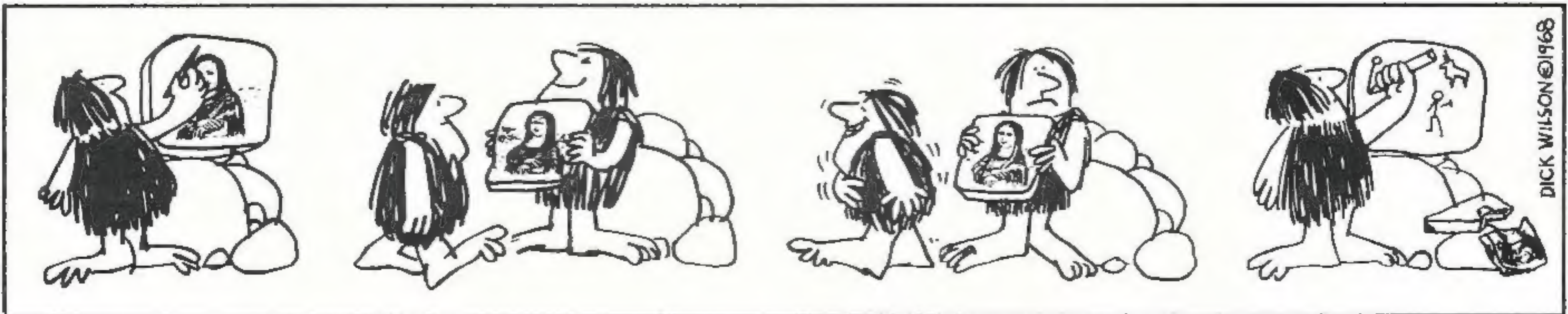
- Place covering over and under him when possible to prevent a large loss of body heat.

- Continue to watch him, keep his air passage clear, and if breathing should stop, begin again to breathe for him.

We urge that you review the steps we have described above. Persons who have seen this skill administered have often been able to save life. Better still, we earnestly recommend that you take a Red Cross first aid course.

In the next article we will discuss first aid for fractures, burns, and emergency movement of the injured.

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Chef Karen At Her Best

Soupe a l'Oignon (French Onion Soup)

To serve 6 to 8

4 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
2 lbs. onions, thinly sliced
(about 7 cups)
1 tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. flour
2 quarts beef stock, fresh or canned or beef and chicken stock combined

In a heavy 4 to 5 quart saucepan or a soup kettle, melt the butter with the oil over moderate heat. Stir in the onions and 1 tsp. salt, and cook uncovered over low heat, stirring occasionally, for 20 to 30 minutes, or until the onions are a rich golden brown. Sprinkle flour over the onions and cook, stirring, for 2 or 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat. In a separate saucepan, bring the stock to a simmer, then stir the hot stock into the onions. Return the soup to low heat and simmer, partially covered, for another 30 or 40 minutes, occasionally skimming off the fat. Taste for seasoning, and add salt and pepper if needed.

Porc en Croute Serves 4

2 pkgs. frozen spinach
1½ cups diced ham
1 No. 3 can mushrooms
½ cup cooking sherry
1½ tsp. cornstarch
2 prepared pastry shells
egg white or condensed milk
Parsley

Parboil spinach slightly, and season with butter and salt. Strain in colander until very dry.

In skillet saute ham and mushrooms. Add sherry and lightly thicken with the cornstarch.

Prepare pastry shells using both shells to have a 9" x 15" rectangle. Make a four inch strip in center of pastry leaving 2" at each end with spinach. Cover with ham mixture and then top with remaining spinach. Fold pastry and tuck ends under and seal. Decorate top as desired. Baste with egg whites or condensed cream.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

Garnish with parsley.

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Prepare—cook-ahead

Chicken Guillermo serves 4

1 stick (¼ lb.) butter
3 to 4 mild Bermuda onions, sliced
2 chicken breasts, split and boned
(4 pieces)
2 chicken legs and thighs, separated
(4 pieces)

Ahead of time:

1. Melt half of butter stick in large casserole; add onion slices to make a layer about 1½ inches thick. On low, let onions simmer gently until brown, about 5 minutes.
2. Melt remaining butter in a large skillet and brown chicken parts until golden. (If crowded, they won't brown—you may have to cook in two batches, about 10 minutes each.)
3. Arrange browned chicken in casserole on bed of onions, pour in any butter left in skillet and cook, covered in a 300 degree oven until chicken is tender and the onions reduced to a puree (about 1 hour). Refrigerate.

On Serving Day:

4. Reheat gently over low or simmer 15 to 20 min. or serve cold if desired.

Serve with:

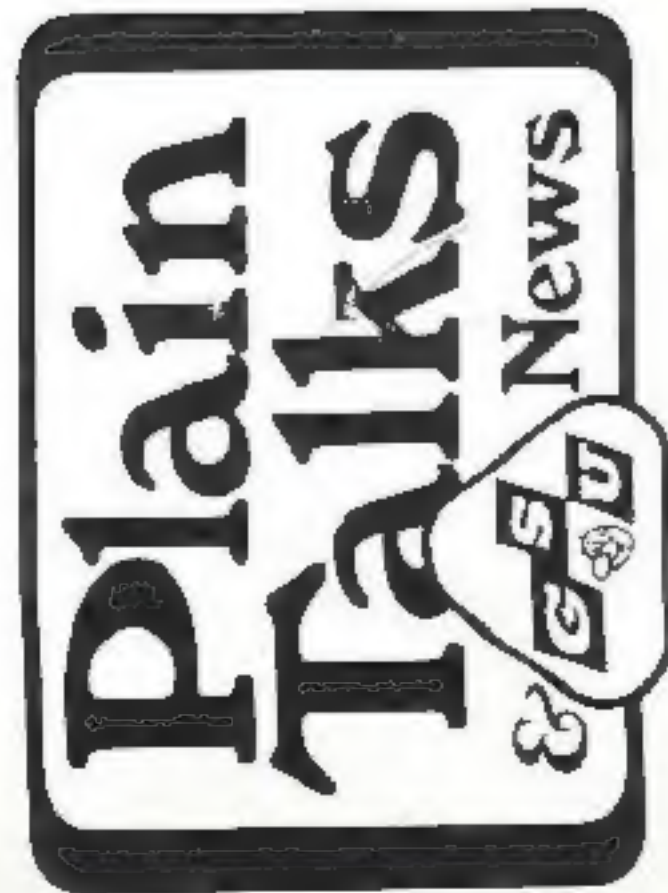
Pate spread on sesame crackers to start, canned potato balls crisped in butter and sprinkled with minced parsley, mixed green salad, hot french bread. For dessert, raspberry sherbet.

Cheese Sauce

8 oz. pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese
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4 oz. Parmesan cheese
½ cup Sautern

Place cheeses in saucepan and heat over low heat until mixture is a creamy consistency. Add sautern and stir. Serve over porc en Croute.

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